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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

## **SHANE SHEPHERD SENTENCED TO 15 YEARS IMPRISONMENT AS ARMED CAREER CRIMINAL**

### PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that SHANE SHEPHERD, 26, Indianapolis, was sentenced to 15 years imprisonment by U.S. District Chief Judge Larry J. McKinney after pleading guilty to being in possession of a firearm by a person previously convicted of a felony. Because SHEPHERD had three prior violent and/or drug trafficking felony convictions, Chief Judge McKinney found him to be an Armed Career Criminal, which subjects any such person convicted of possession of a firearm to a minimum, mandatory, fifteen years in prison.. Even with good behavior, SHEPHERD must serve 12 years, seven months of his federal sentence before he is eligible for release. This

On May 19, 2004, members of the U.S. Marshal's Fugitive Task Force were looking for Shane Shepherd, who was sought by IPD Homicide in connection with a murder investigation. SHEPHERD was spotted driving south in the 5500 block of N. Kessler Boulevard. Marked Sheriff's units attempted to stop SHEPHERD, but he attempted to flee in his vehicle, colliding with two law enforcement vehicles in the process. Law enforcement officers observed SHEPHERD with a .380 caliber semi-automatic handgun. However, they were able to take him into custody without any shots being fired.

SHEPHERD qualified for Armed Career Criminal sentencing because of previous felony convictions for dealing in cocaine, robbery and resisting law enforcement. The homicide investigation being conducted by IPD Homicide remains open.

According to First Assistant United States Attorney Timothy M. Morrison, who prosecuted the case for the government, Chief Judge McKinney imposed five years supervised release following SHEPHERD's release from prison. After his arrest on federal firearm charges, SHEPHERD was ordered detained pending resolution of his case, following a hearing before a U.S. Magistrate Judge.

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